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**Governor assesses flood damage in southwest Indiana**

INDIANAPOLIS (June 10, 2008) – Governor Mitch Daniels, Indiana National Guard Adjutant General R. Martin Umbarger and Department of Natural Resources Director Rob Carter today surveyed flooded areas of southwestern Indiana to assess damage and check on local and state relief efforts.

“Once again, my observations are that work is proceeding effectively and cooperatively,” said Daniels. “With few exceptions, we did not identify any shortages or gaps and are taking preventative and protective action in downstream areas now.”

The governor began the day in Worthington where he toured flooded areas with Worthington Town Council President Hal Harp. He then continued an aerial assessment of the levees near Elnora and Plainville as well as flooded areas near Freelandville.

Governor Daniels stopped in Bicknell at North Knox High School and met local emergency management officials to learn about the current situation. He then visited with employees at the Duke Energy plant in Edwardsport, where they were filling and stacking sandbags to protect the plant, and went to a nearby neighborhood where severe flooding has occurred.

The governor stopped at a National Guard staging area at Vincennes Lincoln High School before helping National Guardsmen fill sandbags at the Vincennes Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) district facility. He then made a final stop in Hazleton where he joined Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Ellis for an inspection of the levee.

Governor Daniels is expected to travel to additional areas of south central Indiana tomorrow to assess damage and monitor relief efforts.

For the latest information from state agencies about coordinated relief efforts as well as photos from the governor’s trip and audio from his briefing are available here:  
<http://www.in.gov/gov/3725.htm>.